A desert landscape featuring saguaro cacti and low-lying shrubs under a sunset sky. The sun is in the upper right corner, creating a lens flare. The scene is dimly lit, with the warm colors of the sunset providing the primary light source.

Water Conservation Grant Fund

Community Forum

January 30, 2023
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Polling Question #1

What is your affiliation?

- a. Private utility
- b. City, Town, or District
- c. Tribal
- d. Non-Profit Organization
- e. State or federal agency
- f. Other



Polling Question #2

What county do you reside in?





WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

FINANCE AUTHORITY OF ARIZONA



Drinking Water SRF



Clean Water SRF



**Long-Term Water
Augmentation Fund**



**Water Supply
Development Fund**



**Water Conservation
Grant Fund**



Water Conservation Grant Fund

Created by floor amendment to S.B. 1740, which provides funding for water conservation grants

Goals of Fund

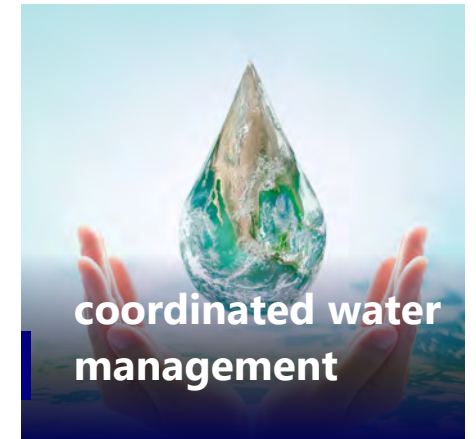
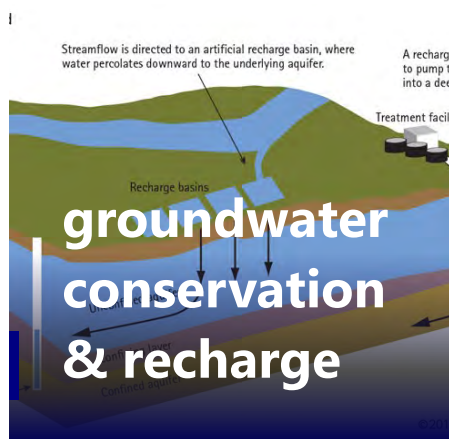
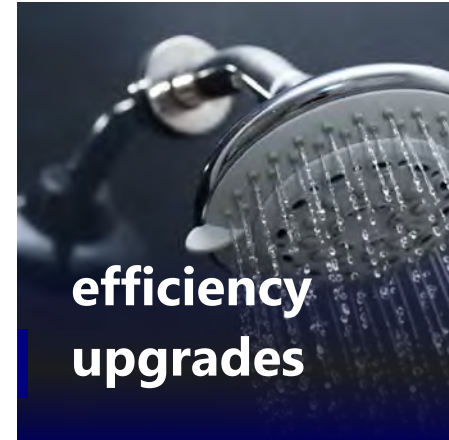
- result in long-term, sustainable reductions in water use
- improve water use efficiency
- improve water reliability

Funding Availability

- a single water conservation **program** grant max = **\$3M**
- a single water conservation **project** grant max = **\$250,000**
- **at least** a 25% match is required
- **\$200M available** of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds

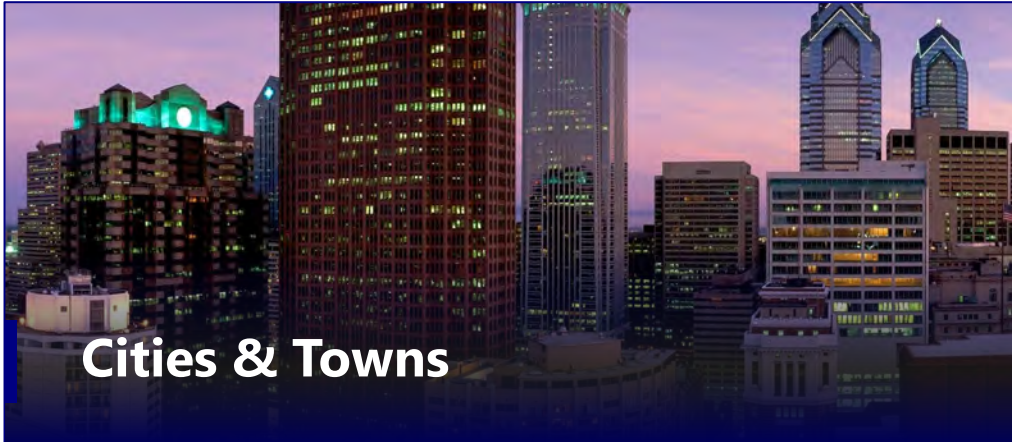
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What's Eligible?



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Who is Eligible?





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Evaluation Criteria in Statute - ARS 49-1334

Overview:

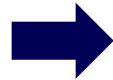
1. The extent it will result in long-term, sustainable reductions in water use, improve efficiency, and improve reliability
2. Costs and benefits, including environmental costs and benefits
3. If the project is eligible for LTWAF or WSDF funding but the nature of the project/program make those options impractical
4. The ability to provide multiple benefits
5. The degree to which other funding sources are leveraged/maximized
6. Applicant qualifications and capacity
7. Feasibility of program/project
8. Public comments

Anticipated Timeline

**February/March
2023**



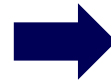
Stakeholder Feedback &
Process Development



**April
2023**



Funding Opportunity
Announcement (FOA)
Communications



**May
2023**



1st Round of
Applications Due in
eCivis



**June/July
2023**



1st Round of Grants
reviewed by the WCGF
Committee and awarded
by WIFA Board



Questions and Discussion

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Polling Question #3

What type of programs or projects do you think would best fulfill the purpose of this grant?